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Kings Canyon Natl Park, Calif.







## Catalog of Specimens







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Catalogue

Cedar Grove, South Fork Kings River, 4600 ft., Fresno Co., California

May 21, 1942

1. ♂ *Peromyscus maniculatus* 131-58.5-20-15, 9.2 gms

May 22, 1942

2. ♂ *Peromyscus maniculatus* 150-65-21-19, 19.2 gms

3. ♂ *Thomomys bottae* 212-22-67-8, 118.3 gms

4. ♂ *Sceloporus graciosus*

5. ♂ *Sceloporus graciosus*

May 23, 1942

6. ♀ *Peromyscus maniculatus* 158-68-20-20, 22.7 gms

7. *Sceloporus graciosus*

May 24, 1942

8. ♀ *Peromyscus maniculatus* 190-95-23-21, 27.3 gms.

9. *Sceloporus graciosus*

May 25, 1942

10. ♂ *Peromyscus maniculatus* 157-71-20-20, 23.2 gms

Near Cedar Grove on trail to Zumwalt Meadow, 4600-5000 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

11. *Sceloporus graciosus*

12. ♂ *Sceloporus*

13. ♂ *Sceloporus*

May 26

14. *Sceloporus*

Zumwalt Meadow, Rocks immed. below Grand Sentinel, 5000 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

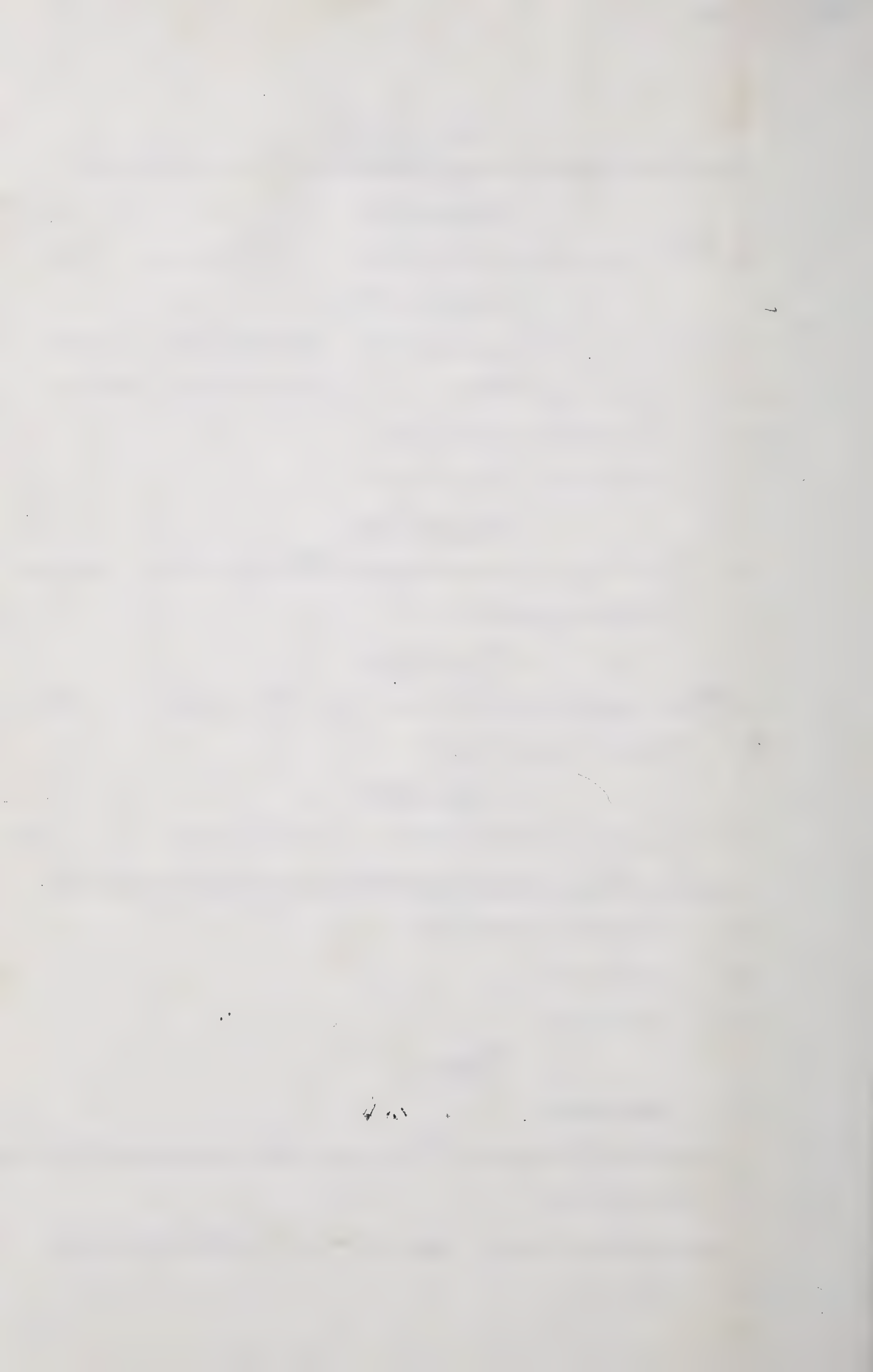
15. *Sceloporus*

Zumwalt Meadow, 5000 ft., ~~among the rocks~~, Fresno Co., Calif.

16. *rubens*

17. *rubens*







# Catalogue

Cedar Grove

May 30, 1942

- 18 ~~1~~ *Alligator lizard*
19. *Sceloporus undulatus*
- 20 ♀ *Sceloporus graciosus*
- 21 ♂ *Sceloporus graciosus*
- 22 ♀ *Sceloporus graciosus*
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- 25 ♂ *Sceloporus graciosus*
- 26 ♂ *Sceloporus graciosus*
- 27 ♀ *Sceloporus graciosus*
- 28 *Sceloporus graciosus*

~~29~~

May 31, 1942

~~20.6~~

discarded

- 29 ♀ *Peromyscus maniculatus* 140-55-20-19 20.6
- 30 ♂ *Peromyscus maniculatus* 130-52-20-18 10.8
- 31 ♂ *Peromyscus maniculatus* 116-52-19-17 7.6

discarded

June 1, 1942

- 32 *Yellow lizard* 7 mi. from Cedar Grove on Highway
- 33 *Small King Snake* 13 mi. " " " " "







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## Journal

May 21

Cedar Grove, South Fork Kings R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

Picked up 15 traps set the night before at 7 a.m. They were located among dead logs on south side of Kings River. Whole region was marshy with areas of dry land. Only one Peromyscus maniculatus was found - a young specimen (1). Those traps which contained nothing appeared not to have been touched. The collected specimen was prepared.

About 1:15 p.m. Mr. Dixon led the group to Sheep Run Falls.

On the way up many Yellow Pines and misery plants were seen.

About 4 Sceloporus were seen scampering very actively on dead logs. None <sup>of the large ones</sup> were caught, but a small (2) specimen was; it was

Sceloporus graciosus. At the Falls (5200 ft.) the nest of a

Caliope Hummingbird was seen in pine tree (with 2 eggs). The female was seen by some members of the group, but was not present when

seen by me. Continued up along well marked trail. Mt. Gardner

could be seen clearly; it was covered with snow. Mt. Gardner is app. a good 2 days hike from Cedar Grove. The crest of the Sierras is about the same distance beyond

Mt. Gardner (Dixon). Two White Throat Swifts were seen flying above. Their long wings made them very distinct. Yellow Pine & Sugar Pine were the

most abundant trees. There were some Manzanita and much misery plant.

Some Blackthroated Grays were heard. Further up a Junco was seen.

Its head was much blacker & body much lighter than the Berkeley race. Its song was peculiar and not very characteristic; this was noticed

by Dr. Miller. A chipmunk was seen in ~~to~~ dead trunk - head was protruding from hole & watching us. Birds seen were: Redtailed Hawk, Calveras Warbler,

Oleolated Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Stellar Jay, Brown Creeper,

White-throated Swifts, Mt. Chickadee, Cassin Purple Finch, White-headed Woodpecker,

Caliope Hummingbird. Many of these were not seen too clearly by me.







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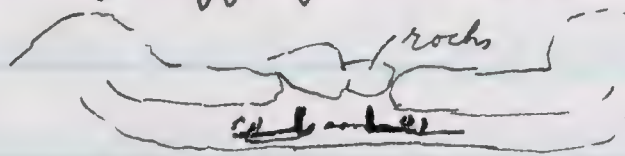
## Journal

May 22

Cedar Grove, S. Fork King R., 4600 ft.

Collected the 11 traps at 6:15<sup>am</sup> that had been set the night before up on dry flat just below beginning of hills to west of camp (400 yds). Nothing was found, but 2 traps had been sprung & the bait gone. One trap had lost the bait but was not sprung.

Later in morning accompanied H. F. & D. de M. to set gopher traps. 6 were set by digging between the mounds & placing double traps



coming in either direction. Went back about 2 hrs. later (11:00<sup>am</sup>) and found 2 gophers; brought them back & I prepared the male (3). It was found on n. side of King R. in dry gravelly soil, amid yellow pines, misery plant, etc. There were many old fallen trees about. In late afternoon (4:00) climbed small hill to west of camp in search of lizards. Among granite outcroppings a number of Sceloporus were seen scampering about. There were fallen pines near by, white with weathering; lizards were also seen about these. A skink was seen in the crevice of a large rock, but it slipped thru the noose. Two Sceloporus (4 & 5) were finally caught. Continuing north east a few hundred yards we came upon a rattlesnake tightly coiled in a dead log. It remained very still & did not rattle although a stick was thrown at the log. Finally the ranger Mr. Gimm, was brought & he killed the rattler.

Ten traps were set: 9 by the west side of the bridge among the grass & old logs, 1 was set about 100 yds. from camp.







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## Journal

May 23

Cedar Grove S. Fork Kings R., 4600ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

At 6:15 collected the 11 traps set night before. None of those down by the river had been snapped. In a trap nearby, set by another, a *Microtus* ♂ was found. It was lost from the pocket of the collector & could not be found. In a trap set about 150 yds. from camp under an old dead pine stump a young ♀ *Peromyscus* was found. About 2:30 went to same group of rocks a short distance up hill to west of camp. After several minutes only 1 *Sceloporus* was seen whereas the day before there had been 4 or 5. Went down to same dead log where the rattlesnake had been found. A beautiful skink was seen, but it got away. Also I saw a *Sceloporus* (?) which was practically black; it also escaped. Then went about a hundred or so yards up Sheep Creek trail and caught one *Sceloporus graciosus* ♂. (?) The rattlesnake was skinned and the inner surface rubbed with alum & arsenic. It was nailed in the shade on a pine tree & left to dry. The snake was dissected. It was 91 cm. long.







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## Journal

May 24

Cedar Grove, S. Fork Kings R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

A ♀ *Peromyscus* was collected by <sup>dead</sup> trunk ~~for~~ other side of bridge. The other traps which were set along the Pack Station road along dead log, etc. yielded nothing. The bait was same & not tampered with. At the top of a Black Oak a ♂ Tanager was observed singing. Below on same limb <sup>was</sup> a Warbling Vireo. Both were watched for some mins. In afternoon went in search of lizards. The skink by the granite outcroppings was seen and many attempts were made to catch it. It was ~~a light~~ dark brown with <sup>2 pr.</sup> yellowish stripes down back. Tail was also darkish in color. It was fairly slow moving but it had such a narrow head & body, & was slippery enough to slip out of the noose. Another skink with a blue tail was seen in burnt log. While in this region a large coyote - tan to buff color with a large bushy tail tipped with black - came trotting by. It was seen again a short distance from this area. The ranger later said it was a frequent visitor to the park. At foot of Sheep Creek trail a youngish *Sceloporus* was caught. At 5:00 pm. set about 12 traps baited with meat, down by entrance of Sheep Creek into Kings R. and along the grassy meadow some yds. from the Kings R. to the south east of the camp. Mr. & Mrs. Dixon ate supper with the group. 6 trout had been donated by neighboring campers. Jean Russell & I then set 31 traps baited with nuts or oatmeal-peanut butter mix down by the ranger's barn and neighboring region. On way back went to the Robin's nest on far side of bridge. Accidentally scared ♀ Robin from nest. We watched some distance away. She flew to nearby pine and gave a steady, single call note. After a while this note subsided & she began to preen herself. ♂ arrived after about 15 min. In 30 min. neither had gotten on nest.







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May 25 Cedar Grove, S. Fork Kings R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., California

Only one *Peromyscus* was caught at the barn. None of the traps by the meadow yielded anything, although 31 traps had been set. It was noticed that 3 or 4 garbage cans had been turned over & contents messed about; later apparently fresh bear scat was found about 20-30 yds. from camp. No definite foot prints were seen. At 1:00 Mr. Dixon led us to Zumwalt Meadows about 5 miles from camp. Each person had approximately 30 mus. sp. traps & 3 rat traps. We drove car about 2 mi. and then hiked rest of way. Trail was fairly level; there was a very gradual climb of about 500 ft. as Zumwalt Meadows is around 5000 ft. Heard several Chipping Sparrows but did not see them. Did see two white-headed woodpeckers very distinctly. The two were climbing up trunk high up in a pine tree; they were close together. A Cassin Vireo was heard singing in grove of pine & cedar. Later on way home one was seen closely. It was medium <sup>size</sup>, gray color. Along trail many yellow pines & some sugar pines were seen. Also several Sierra pines were seen. Two Calif. mule deer does were seen in the pines. The large nests of 8 or 9 woodrats were observed. On way home 8 traps were set - scattered by several of these. A ♂ Black-throated Gray Warbler was seen on a low limb of a pine; - this was in a densely wooded area. Also farther along path a Townsend Solitaire was seen along bank of the river. It had a long narrow neck & head, trim lines, & greyish brown color. When it flew white stripes on the wing could be seen. Zumwalt Meadows is a large swampy area, thickly covered with tall grass, <sup>sedge</sup> & cat tails. Much of the water appeared to be stagnant. Along banks were many willows & dogwoods. Grand Sentinel Mt. overlooked the meadows. Boulders which had fallen down from Gr. Sentinel lined one side of the meadow closely. Several *Sceloporus undulatus* were caught here. 26 traps were







## Journal

May 25

Cedar Grove, S. Fork Kings R., 7600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.  
set along south side of the meadows. A number of Redwing Blackbirds were nesting in meadows. The ♂'s were conspicuous on willows, etc. around. ♀'s were occasionally seen. They are brownish with brown or white speckled breast. Three or four Olive-green swallows were flying across meadow. Song sparrows were present also. They have a lovely song - different from Berkeley Sparrows. A Allen Hummingbird was heard & then seen on very top twig of a willow tree. On way back several lizards were caught, and birds of same type as those seen <sup>on</sup> coming to meadows. It was clouded & rained slightly on way home. 8 rat traps were set by wood-rat houses.

May 26

Left camp at 9:30 am to check traps. Mr. Dixon led way. He killed a Flycatcher with a police revolver using dust shot. He stuffed mouth with cotton immediately to prevent digestive fluids from running out & soiling feathers. He then placed bird head downward in cone of paper V. Also he killed a ~~Picolated~~ Warbler ♂ - bright yellow breast, black top of head. Saw several Wood Pewees (flycatcher). Nests are usually found in fork of tree. Many service berries were in bloom. When traps were reached, nothing was found in mine. However a *Microtus* and a *Peromyscus truei* were caught. Mr. Dixon shot a Song Sparrow. I caught a *Sceloporus undulatus* on the large rocks below Grand Sentinel. Across river a large rubber snake was caught. While in the meadow a alligator lizard was caught.







## Journal

May 27

Cedar Grove, S. Fork Kings R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

Left camp at 7:00 am with Mr. Dixon for Zumwalt meadows. Day was clear & cold. When we passed by rat traps by woodrat holes, nothing was found. Saw 2 beautiful Gray squirrels in tall pine tree. Reached Zumwalt & found none of my traps sprung. One member found a song sparrow, another a *Microtus*. Mr. Dixon found a Garter snake. Mr. Dixon shot a song sparrow, a ♀ Redwinged Blackbird, a Calif. Linnet (Purple Finch), & a western flycatcher. I attempted to catch a large ♂ *Sceloporus undulatus* on the rocks behind meadow, but 2 got away. Returned home for lunch 1:00 pm. About 6:00 pm Mr. Dixon led group to mt. side to northeast of camp. Traps were set as follows - each person keeping a distinct trap line:

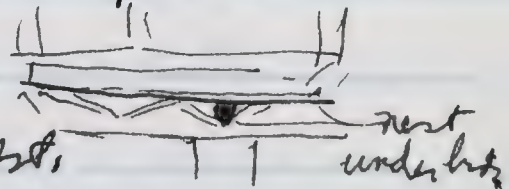


I set 15 traps in no. 2 position - placing them among thick bushes & beside rocks.

May 28

Left camp at 7:00 am to check traps on hill. Cloud & clear morning but <sup>some</sup> low clouds on mountains. Found that none of my traps had been touched. Left them as they were. On way home saw a water Ouzel (Dipper) fly from under bridge. Came back & sat under bridge. Saw the Dipper's nest under girders. ♂ & ♀ were standing on rocks hobbing up & down.

♂ flew with fluttering wing beats into nest. They are dark grey with very short tails. Later male was seen feeding female. She flew to nest & entered from side entrance. Jean Gussick & I hiked at 9:00 am down east side of river. Ate lunch on way. Hiked past Zumwalt Meadows.










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- May 28 Cedar Grove, S. Fork Kings R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., California  
Did not see much animal life on trail. One grey squirrel was seen closely - eating a nut of some sort. Also saw a ♂ & ♀ Chipping Sparrow, a Geewee, & a Pilolated Warbler. Ate dinner at Mr. Dixon's. Ate Stephanie cooked by Mr. Dixon.
- May 29 Left camp at 7:45 with Mr. Dixon. Headed up old trail to Summit Meadows, 8000 ft.,; then hiked to Lookout Peak, 8,470 ft., and ate lunch on the granite peak. Returned by following deer trails down & around to other side of mountain. Walked thru snow fields & took several pictures of the region. Came upon the new trail and followed it to Sheep Creek. Watched ♀ Calliope Hummingbird on nest for about 15 min. Returned to camp about 4:30. We had hiked approximately 4 miles, climbing about 4000 ft. On this hike several new birds & plants were seen. ~~Shearwater~~ <sup>Shearwater</sup> Flycatcher, ~~Sick~~ <sup>Sick</sup> was heard first for ~~some~~ some before seen, had a song - . Also a Sierra Creeper was seen hopping up trunk of a dead pine. A Fox Sparrow was also seen & heard often & clearly. Bird is reddish brown above - breast is whitish with triangular brown spots. Also the Pilolated Woodpecker was heard but not seen by me. The Mt. Quail ♂ call was heard several times. At Summit Meadows the Rosebreasted Sapsucker was seen on a dead Lodgepole Pine. Hyla (?) was also present in the meadows. Many Robins were also seen heard. While on the top of Mt. Lookout the Clarke Nutcracker (or crow) was seen - colour were grey, black, & white. Several new plants were seen - Jeffery Pine, Snow Bush, Lodgepole Pine, & white violets.







May 29

Cedar Grose

Species seen:

Western Robin

Western Tanager

Calaveras Warbler

Oregon Junco

White Throated Swift

Nuttall Flycatcher

Sierra Creeper

Fox Sparrow

Embolated Woodpecker

W. Chickadee

W. Quail (heard)

Groose-breasted Sapsucker

Black-headed Grosbeak

Clarke Nutcracker

Calliope Hummingbird

May 30

Checked the 15 traps on hill side which had been set May 27.

3 of them had been snapped, but no animals were caught.

Later in morning took tail lunch and with R. E. Paulson went toward Zumwalt Meadows. Caught 9 *Sceloporus graciosus*

on the way. We ate lunch on <sup>high</sup> rock on far side of

Boaring River. While climbing to top of this hill

a *Sceloporus undulatus* was caught. Further down

trail an alligator lizard was caught. Several Grey

Squirrel were seen on route. Returned to camp about

5:00 p.m. After supper 14 traps were set on far side of

river & across road. A coral king Snake was seen on road.

May 31

At 7:30 am found that of the traps on this side of road

3 had been snapped with the bait gone. On far side of road

by a <sup>rock</sup> ~~a very young~~ ~~fallen~~ ~~Peromyscus~~ <sup>very young</sup> *Peromyscus* was found. It had

been caught across a log & his tail had bled. Several feet from

the rock by a old log an adult ♀ was caught. Farther

away from road across small stream another young ♂

*Peromyscus* was caught. The 3 were brought back to

camp & put up. Then set a line of traps up hill to back







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## Journal

- May 31 Cedar Grove, S. Fork Kings R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.  
Of camp! At 5:00 p.m. walked up to Sheep Creek Falls & observed Calliope Hummingbirds. ♀ was disturbed by our presence & flew about ~~restlessly~~ from branch to branch of several trees. After supper trap lines were inspected. Several had been snapped but nothing caught. Trap lines were left.
- June 1 Trap lines were followed and 3 young Peromyscus were found in line on other side of river. Nothing was found in traps set on hill in back of camp. Peromyscus were given away as there was not time to prepare skins. R. E. Paulson & I left camp about 9:30 am. 7 mi. along highway (4000 ft) a yellow racer was found dead in road. 13 miles along highway a Coral King Snake was likewise found. Ate lunch at Omar Khaykams in Fresno. Saw 4 Calif. Redheaded Woodpeckers on fence by road just a few miles out of Fresno. Stopped at drugstore in Fresno & bought some rubbing alcohol for snakes. Left Fresno about 2:00 p.m. & drove thru Yosemite Nat. Park. Arrived in Berkeley about 1:30 am. by way of Merced, Calif.







Species accounts







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*Thomomys bottae*

May 22

Cedar Grove, S. Fork King R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

A ♂ *Thomomys* was collected by a gopher trap placed in center of runway. The mound was on north side of King R. amid old fallen logs; soil was light color, coarse, & dry. There was some grass and misery plant about. The trap was set about 9:30 am. & the *Thomomys* was collected between 11 & 11:30. There were cut stems in his pockets - all were approximately same size.








## Crotalus


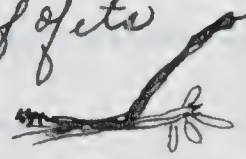
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Cedar Grove, S. Fork Kings River, 7600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

5:20 p.m.

A rattlesnake was found coiled in the crevice of an old fallen <sup>yellow</sup> pine which had appearance of being burnt. Snake was coiled in at least two coils ; tail was not visible and no rattling was heard.

A stick was thrown against the log. Snake stuck tongue out quickly several times & then held it out for a longer period vibrating it. Color of snake is light <sup>brown-</sup>tan background with

 dark brown spots down back. Pale yellowish splotches are irregularly placed about dark brown ones. Eyes are yellow. Fallen pine is about 50 yds. from paved road; other yellow pines are growing about. Manzanita bush and very young Incense cedars are about. Ground is dry & gravelly. We got very close to him but he held completely still. Did not even stick out tongue (did so only when stick was thrown at log.) The Ranger, Mr. Gimm, came to kill the rattler. It had uncoiled itself but was in the same crevice of the log. A large stick was poked at it & it for the first time began to rattle and crawl in straight path down middle of <sup>rattling continuously</sup> log. It was hit at again, & this time it crawled up into a bush which was hanging over an end of the log. Over a half of its body would be held upright from a branch,  a smaller portion holding to branch. It was knocked down to ground. It struck at stick - a small piece of the bark from the stick stuck on his fang as he drew away. The next blow landed on his head & killed him. His rattlers were lost in the scuffle. After dissection it was found to be a male. The testis were large. The upper part of the lungs were very red - but no hemorrhage had occurred. The trachea was

May 23







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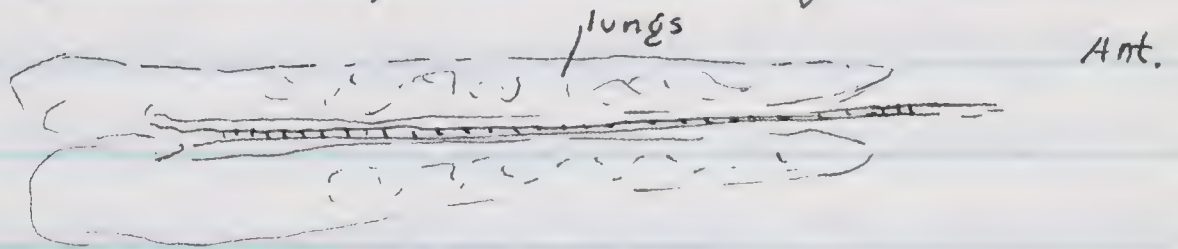
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## Crotalus

May 23

Cedar Grove, S. Fork Kings R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

extremely long. The other organs were also long & narrow



The gall bladder was large  and full of very dark (black-green) bile. The stomach was apparently empty - being very light ivory color, long, and soft. The intestine was small in diameter and coiled to a medium degree. The testis were posterior to the anus, being long thick tubular structures.







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*Sceloporus graciosus*

May 22 Cedar Grove, South Fork Kings R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.

In the hot afternoon (about 4:05 (war time)) went about 300 yds west of camp, climbed only a few yds. uphill to a flat dry area. Around one large outcropping of granite several *Sceloporus* were seen. They dashed quickly about the rocks or scurried from base of rocks over to a nearby dead log. Several sizes were seen. The area was very dry and many dead trees were lying about. Misery plant was abundant. Two *Sceloporus graciosus* were noosed (4 & 5).

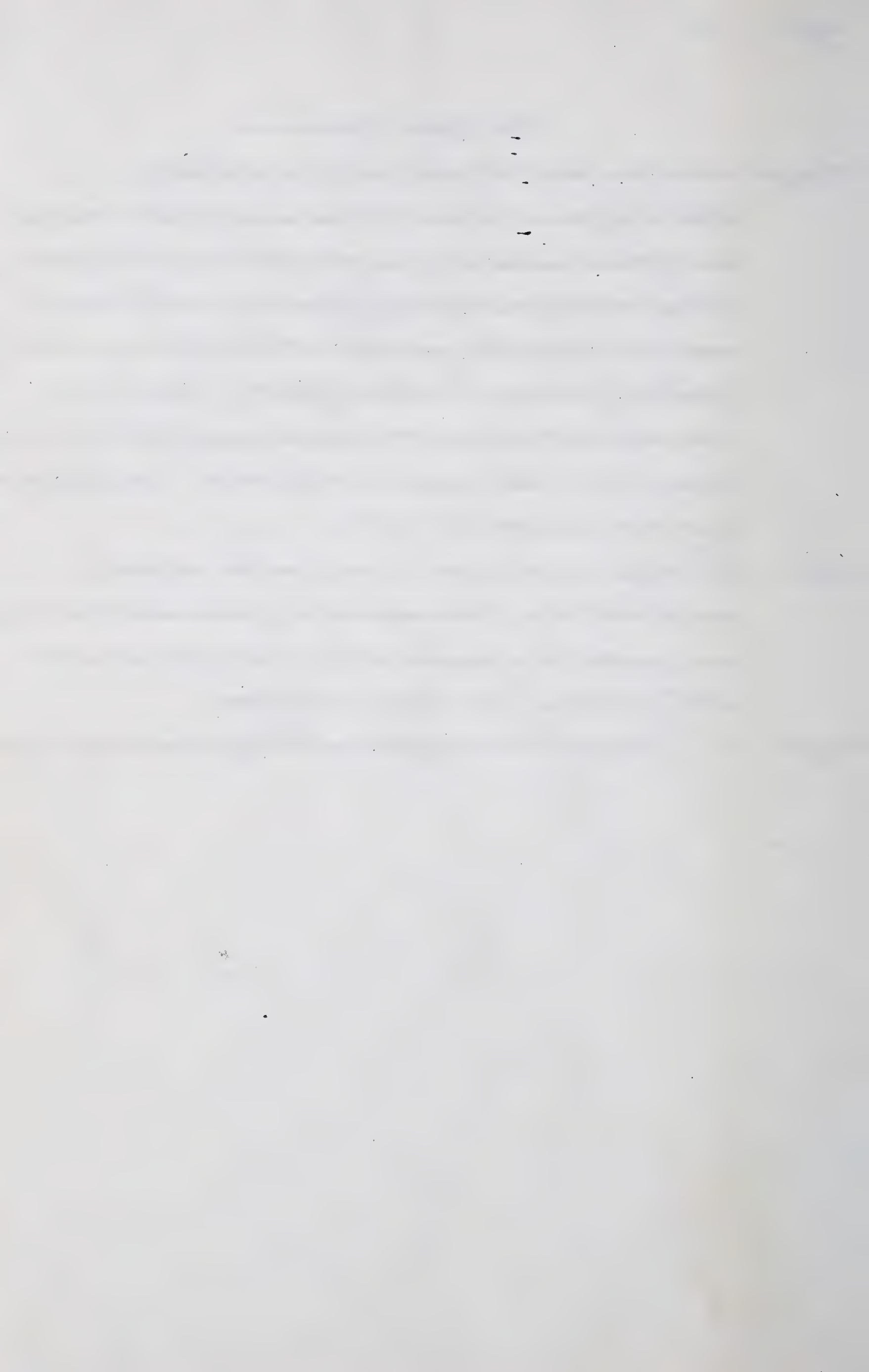
May 23

A ♂ *Sceloporus* was noosed about a 100 yds. up trail to Sheep Creek Falls. It was ~~on~~ ampering over a weathered log and jumped to a granite rock. While on rock it lifted itself up & down by front legs about 10 times.

May 24

a ♂ *Sceloporus* (?) was caught in an old log about 150 yds. from camp.







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*Peromyscus maniculatus*

- May 21 Cedar Grove, South Fork Kings R., 4600 ft., Fresno Co., Calif.  
One *Peromyscus maniculatus* was found in trap by dead log about 50 ft. from Kings R. A young ♂ specimen, grayish above - wt. 9.2 gms. Trap was set about 7:30 p.m. the night before.
- May 22 Another *Peromyscus* (2) was collected on north side of Kings R. close by a dead log in a marsh grass area. It was collected by Virginia D. Miller.
- May 23 A ♀ *Peromyscus maniculatus* was collected about 100 yds. from camp by an old pine trunk. Area around had only a few pines; ground was sparsely covered with thin grass and small low plants; it was mostly covered with pine needles. This ♀ had 3 pr. of well developed mammae. The vagina was large and very pink. A little blood was oozing from the urinary papillae. The trap had caught <sup>her</sup> well up on the back and not in the pelvic region. When it was dissected the horns of the uterus each contained four distinct swellings, but the embryos were so minute as to be undistinguishable.
- May 24 A ♀ *Peromyscus* was collected several hundred yds. on north side of bridge. It was caught by an old upright ~~pine~~ <sup>Cedar</sup> trunk. Four very slight swellings in each horn of uterus.
- May 25 A ♂ was caught at the barn behind Ranger's house.
- May 31 Three *Peromyscus maniculatus*, 2 very young ones & a mature ♀. There were no embryos in the ♀.







































